Statement, by caste, of clerks in the Huzur Cutcherry.

201. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the clerks of the Huzur Cutcherry ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The statement* required is laid on the table.

Punja cultivation in Kuttanad.

202. **MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR** (*Ambalapuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have considered it necessary to have a separate Agricultural Inspector for Kuttanad and to convert Kuttanad into a separate Agricultural Division ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The Government have realised the importance of *punja* cultivation in Kuttanad and have accordingly opened an experimental station at Porakad under the charge of a separate Agricultural Sub-Inspector to conduct experiments on the reclamation of *kari* soils and on the improvement of *punja* cultivation in general. The officer in charge of this farm is also engaged in advising the ryots on all matters relating to agriculture. Moreover, the Agricultural Inspector, Kottayam, visits Kuttanad as often as possible and carries on propaganda work. The Government do not, therefore, see any immediate necessity for appointing a separate Agricultural Officer as suggested by the member.

Registry of lands to Depressed Classes.

203. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have made any provision for the concessional registry of *puduval* and *poramboke* lands to members of the depressed classes ;

(*b*) the number of applications received from members of the depressed classes for the registry of *puduval* lands in 1103, as also those pending at the close of the previous year ;

(*c*) the number of applications that were granted and the area assigned in accordance with those applications ;

(*d*) the number of applications rejected ; and

(*e*) the reasons for rejecting them ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes. Rules 24 to 27 of the *Puduval Rules*, dated the 25th February 1923, published in the *Government Gazette* contain necessary provisions in the matter.

(*b*) 1354 and 271 respectively.

(*c*) 673 applications, covering an area of 548 acres.

(*d*) 616.

(*e*) The applications were rejected either because the lands applied for were registered lands or because the lands could not be brought under registry on public grounds.

**Vide* Appendix X—page 348.

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